

Country Rhodesia, a buffalo, which his friend had wounded, charged when caught up with and forced the hunters to take refuge in trees, I wonder how many men have been 'treed by buffaloes' in Africa as well as in Asia.

My nephew writes:—

'I was in a small clearing, having lunch and stirring some lemonade when I heard a noise and a buffalo appeared and charged straight at me. I jumped for a tree and got up about 4 feet and the buffalo charged past on the opposite side. I could smell his breath as he went past. I lost the lemonade and never found the spoon again.'

PEAR TREE COTTAGE,
BLACKBOYS, SUSSEX.
November 2nd, 1944.

REGINALD SPENCE.

6.—ON THE NAME OF THE INDIAN PANGOLIN (*MANIS CRASSICAUDATA* GEOFFR).

I notice on page 592 of the *Journal* for August 1944, that Captain C. R. Stonor gives the pangolin the name *Manis crassicaudata*. Mr. F. W. Champion, in his book *The Jungle in Sunlight and Shadow*, page 25, states that the five-toed pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*), is the only species to be found in the plains and foot-hills of India.

Captain Stonor also states that the pangolin is known in the hills as 'Udumbu'. I may say that in the Tamil areas with which I am acquainted, this name is the one given to the Monitor Lizard and not to the Pangolin. In a Tamil Dictionary which I have consulted, the above name is that given to the Monitor, and under 'Ant-eater' I find the name 'Arrunkku', but I am not familiar with this name.

'LANSDOWNE',
OOTACAMUND,
October 26, 1944.

R. F. STONEY.

[Geoffrey's name *crassicaudata* is the correct name for the Indian Pangolin. It takes precedence over Linnaeus's *pentadactyla* which he gave to the Chinese Pangolin to which animal this cognomen is now assigned.—EDS.]

7.—THE PERSIAN GROUND CHOUGH (*PODOCES PLESKEI*).

It seems very probable that the Persian Ground Chough just comes within Indian limits in the neighbourhood of Nokkundi on the Iran-Baluchistan frontier. In 1943, Col. R. C. F. Schomberg was stationed for some months at this desert outpost, and told me, in one of his letters that he had seen birds in the vicinity of this customs post strikingly like the Ground Choughs (*P. hender-soni* and *P. biddulphi*) he had so often seen in his travels in Chinese Turkestan. There can, in my opinion, be very little doubt that